

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LAGOS 06306 030307Z

62

ACTION CU-04

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 ISO-00 /011 W
----- 036439

R 021409Z JUL 75
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0010
INFO USIA WASHDC

UNCLAS LAGOS 06306

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OEXC, NI (OFFODILE, CHRISTIAN)

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR

REF: (A) LAGOS 5188 (B) LAGOS 5187 (C) USIA 14120

1. OFFODILE PLANS TRAVEL LONDON-WASHINGTON VIA PA 107 JULY
12. ADVISE WHETHER VISITOR WILL BE MET AT AIRPORTS.
2. REQUESTS WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS JULY 14/15; POSSIBLE TRAVEL NEW YORK JULY 16.
3. TRAVEL TO DALLAS JULY 17 AS OFFERED COLLINS RADIO.
4. WISHES ALSO VISIT LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO APPROX. THREE DAYS. RETURN VIA ST. LOUIS TO VISIT HARRIS INTERTYPE, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.
5. REQUEST RESERVATIONS AT HAY-ADAMS IN WASHINGTON AND COMPARABLE HOTELS OTHER CITIES AT GOVERNMENT RATES. (ROOM WITH COLOR TV DESIRABLE).
6. ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS, RESERVATIONS. DEPT. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH USIA/IOP/FW AND IBS (PER REFS. B. AND C.). VISITOR PLANS PURCHASE OPEN TICKETS FOR U.S. TRAVEL.
7. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MR. CHRISTIAN OFFODILE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LAGOS 06306 030307Z

PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR-GENERAL, EAST CENTRAL STATE
BROADCASTING SERVICE, (RADIO/TV), ENUGU.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: MARCH 4, 1931; AWKA, EAST CENTRAL STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

PAST POSITIONS: PRESS SECRETARY TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
EAST CENTRAL STATE, 1972 - 74;
PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, 1970 - 72;
EDITOR, OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE NIGERIAN
FEDERAL PARLIAMENT 1959 - 66.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: COLLEGE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
ENUGU, 1950;
EXTERNAL STUDENT - LONDON UNIVERSITY,
ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
1954 - 56.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US: NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: BRITAIN 1956, 1972;

SPAIN, MOROCCO, 1962; ADDIS ABABA 1972;
FRANCE, W. GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND MOST
WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, 1972 AND SEVERAL
TIMES AFTERWARDS.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
MEMBER OF THE HANSARD SOCIETY OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

PUBLICATIONS: "MAIL BOAT DAY" - A PLAY FOR RADIO - NBC

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED CHILDREN: 4 AGES: 12, 10
8, 6. SEX: 2 BOYS 2 GIRLS

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: EXCELLENT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LAGOS 06306 030307Z

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: HAUSA, IBO & LITTLE FRENCH

CULTURAL INTERESTS: MEMBER OF AMATEUR THEATRE GROUP FOR 12
YEARS AND HAD MANY LEADING PARTS IN PLAY
FOR STAGE, RADIO AND TELEVISION.

PREFESSIONAL/BUSINESS INTERESTS: RADIO, TV DRAMA FOR ECBS

STATION AS WELL AS TECHNICAL BUSINESS WITH
CUSTOMERS;

PERSONAL CONTACTS: DAN MATTHEWS
HOWARD UNIVERSITY, TV STATION
OTHER CONTACTS: REF: LAGOS 5188.

EMERGENCY NAME & ADDRESS: REO NEZ
ECBS
LAGOS.
EASUM

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LAGOS06306
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750230-0094
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750792/aaaadekr.tel
Line Count: 126
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION CU
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 LAGOS 5188, 75 LAGOS 5187, 75 USIA 14120
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <14 JAN 2003 by ThomasVJ, PRIVACY>; RELEASED <19 MAR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <22 MAR 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VOLUNTARY VISITOR
TAGS: OEXC, NI, (OFFODILE, CHRISTIAN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006